

DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION*

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below at 201 et seq. beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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and for which a patent application:

- ☐ is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on (if applicable)
- ☒ was filed in the United States on February 13, 2002 as Application No. 10/073,133 (for declaration not accompanying application)
- with amendment(s) filed on (if applicable)
- ☐ was filed as PCT international Application No. on and was amended under PCT Article 19 on (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED PRIOR TO THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION | | | |
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| APPLICATION NUMBER | COUNTRY | DATE OF FILING (day, month, year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED |
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

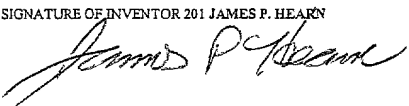
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE
AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71
WITH STATEMENT UNDER C.F.R. 3.73(b)**

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- ☐ Applicant/Inventor
☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
(Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is applicable)

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)

SYNTHES (USA) states that it is:

- ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.
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in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on _____ at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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